

REMARKS

The application has been amended to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 2-4, 6 and 7 were previously pending in the application. Claims 2-4 are canceled; leaving claims 6 and 7 for consideration.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 6 and 7 are allowable.

Canceling claims 2-4 is believed to obviate the rejection of these claims under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over BOLGER et al. 6,770,096 in view of VIVES et al. 4,711,234.

As the claims remaining in the application are indicated as allowable, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be discussed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the below named attorney.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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